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A compilation of brief descriptions of 20 current resources for Adult Performance Level (APL) and Adult Competency Education (ACE) programs, this guide was developed for adult and secondary education administrators, teachers, and program developers who are beginning or are already involved with APL/ACE programs. Each citation contains information regarding the product, users, contacts, and availability. The resources included are "... LIFE Adult Coping Skills Reading Modules; Adult Competency Inst... tional Guide; Program Summary and Selected Curriculum Modules; Adult Competency Education Job Descriptions; Consumer Information Catalog; The Adult Performance Level Program of the American College Testing Program; Just Around the Corner consumer education program; Adkins Life Skills Program; Development of a Performance Assessment System for the Central New York External High School Diploma Program; Report on Adult Learners; New York State External High School Diploma Program; The Providence Learning Activity Packages; Learning for Living Instructional Modules; Arrangement of Publishers' Listings; Slide/Tape Programs on APL in Texas; revision of ABC's in APL; The APL Final Report (University of Texas project); The APL Competency-Based High School Diploma Pilot Project in Texas; major 1975 national speeches by Commissioner Bell on restructuring adult education and by Virginia H. Knauer on consumer skills; and APL: A Ferment in Education. (EM)

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FOREWORD

This description of resources for Adult Performance Level (APL) and Adult Competency Education (ACE) programs has been developed as a response to the increasing need for resource information, as identified by adult education administrators and program developers throughout the nation. Twenty-one current resources are described giving information on products, users, contacts, and availability.

Adult and secondary educators who are beginning, or are considering beginning, APL/ACE programs can benefit from resources included in this document. Second and third year projects may also benefit from communication with other resource developers. State Directors of Adult Education and other educational administrators will want to give attention to the existence and potential use of these resources when determining special funding priorities for the coming year.

A number of APL/ACE resources were not sufficiently identified before the publication deadline, and therefore were not included in this document. An update is scheduled for Fall, 1977. If you are aware of such resources, please send descriptive information to:

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COMPETENCY-BASED ADULT EDUCATION RESOURCES

RESOURCE: The LIFE adult coping skills reading modules were written to provide the adult basic education teacher with practical and useful low level reading materials. The materials are based on the Adult Performance Level (APL) goals and objectives. They are meant to be used to teach adults how to read by teaching them what they need to know in order to cope in today's world. The modules cover the general knowledge areas of consumer economics, health, government and law, community resources, and occupational knowledge and are written at the zero to fifth grade level.

CONTACT: Bobbie L. Walden
Alabama State Department of Education
Division of Postsecondary and Continuing Education
Adult Basic Education Section
111 Coliseum Boulevard
Montgomery, Alabama 36109

USERS: Teachers of adults with low reading levels.

AVAILABILITY: Complementary copies are now available for a limited time only. Further development and publisher negotiation is scheduled in the near future.

RESOURCE: The Auburn University APL instructional books have recently been revised and consolidated into a two-volume Adult Competency Instructional Guide. One volume covers the Consumer Economics and Health Knowledge areas, while the other covers the Occupational Knowledge, Community Resources, and Government and Law areas.

CONTACT: Dr. Harry Frank
Vocational and Adult Education Department
Auburn University
203 Petrie Hall
Auburn, Alabama 36830

USERS: Teachers of adults with low competency levels.

AVAILABILITY: The set is available for $12.00 (or $6.00 for each volume).

RESOURCE: Program Summary and Selected Curriculum Modules reviews a model staff development process and includes 20 Health, Consumer Economic, Government and Law and Occupational Knowledge sample curriculum modules. 200 pages

CONTACT: Dorothy Westby-Gibson or John Tibbets
San Francisco State University
School of Education
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, California 94132
(415) 469-2369

USERS: Adult Basic Education teachers, staff developers, local administrators.

AVAILABILITY: Cost of publication is $4.00, including postage.

RESOURCE: Adult Competency Education Job Descriptions are being developed and utilized as counseling tools and a source for instructional objectives. They include:

- the reason a skill is used on the job
- the skill as a job-related competency
- skills prerequisite to the competency

CONTACT: ACE Project
609 Price Avenue
Suite 101
Redwood City, California 94063

USERS: Adult program and curriculum developers.

AVAILABILITY: Thirty job descriptions are now available. Cost is 75 cent each (more than 10, 50 cent each). Brochure and description listing are also available.

RESOURCE: The much publicized Consumer Information Catalog of the governments' Consumer Information Center is a listing of over 200 consumer booklets, brochures and publications, many of which will be useful in developing APL related curricula.

CONTACT: Consumer Information Center
Pueblo, Colorado 81009

USERS: Adult and Secondary curriculum developers.

AVAILABILITY: Free copies are now available.

RESOURCE: The Adult Performance Level Program of the American College Testing Program includes Adult and High School APL Survey Booklets and answer sheets, an APL Users Guide and an APL Specimen Set. Developed from the Adult Performance Level research at the University of Texas, these resources represent the only official APL survey instruments available.

CONTACT: APL Department
The American College Testing Program
P.O. Box 168
Iowa City, Iowa 52240

USERS: Adult and secondary education teachers, counselors, and program directors.

AVAILABILITY: All resources may now be ordered. A descriptive brochure is also available.

APL Survey Booklets	$31.25 Package of 25
Machine-Scorable Answer Sheets	2.75 Package of 25
Hand-Scorable Answer Sheets	6.75 Package of 25
APL Users Guide	1.50 Each
APL Specimen Set	2.75 Each
Scoring Service	.60 Per student

RESOURCE: The Just Around the Corner consumer education program was developed around the APL objectives for consumer economics knowledge. Video tapes and workbooks develop learner skills in communication, problem solving, computation and interpersonal relations in the consumer area. Real life adult problems are demonstrated in an entertainment format.

CONTACT: Richard DeNagle
Cambridge Publishing
488 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10022
(212) 593-8077

USERS: Adult Basic Education teachers, community college instructors, GED personnel, secondary education curriculum developers.

AVAILABILITY: Brochures are now available. Program previews can be arranged at no cost.

RESOURCE: Adkins Life Skills Program: Employability Skills Series
The series, made up of video, audio and printed materials, is a structured learning approach to addressing the employability problems of disadvantaged adults. It includes a full training program that prepares teachers and counselors to be life skills educators.

CONTACT: The Psychological Corporation
Industrial Services Division
757 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10017
(212) 754-3132

USERS: Adult program developers, teachers and counselors.

AVAILABILITY: Immediately available.

RESOURCE: Development of a Performance Assessment System for the Central New York External High School Diploma Program:

- an Educational Alternative for Adults.
- a progress report on applied performance testing.

CONTACT: Linda Lehman-Hill
Regional Learning Services
405 Oak Street
Syracuse, New York 13203

or

ERIC Clearinghouse on Career Education
(CE 004542, January, 1976)

USERS: Adult and secondary educators, professors of adult education.

AVAILABILITY: Cost is $2.00 from Regional Learning Services.

RESOURCE: Report on Adult Learners:

a profile of 50 adult learners, with their reactions to a competency-based applied performance assessment system. January, 1976. 90 pages

CONTACT: Linda Lehman-Hill
Regional Learning Services
405 Oak Street
Syracuse, New York 13203

or

ERIC Clearinghouse on Career Education
(ED 120500, August, 1976)

USERS: Adult and secondary educators, professors of adult education.

AVAILABILITY: Cost is $5.00 per copy from Regional Learning Services.

RESOURCE: New York State External High School Diploma Program
Year End Report (July 1, 1975 - June 30, 1976). A one year follow-up of adult graduates.

CONTACT: Linda Lehman-Hill
Regional Learning Services
405 Oak Street
Syracuse, New York 13203

USERS: Adult and secondary educators, professors of adult education.

AVAILABILITY: Cost is $1.00 per copy.

RESOURCE: The Providence Learning Activity Packages are based on the APL model, and are being utilized in ABE, ESL and Adult High School programs in Rhode Island and elsewhere. Materials cover all five APL Knowledge areas.

CONTACT: Mary Mulvey
Providence Adult Education
396 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

USERS: Adult Education teachers and curriculum developers.

AVAILABILITY: Seventy-seven Learning Activity Packages are now available at fifty cent per copy (stapled) and $1.00 per copy (bound), including postage.

RESOURCE: Learning for Living Instructional Modules cover eight of the APL objectives from the Government and Law, Health and Occupational Knowledge areas. Each of the modules is self contained, including a Teacher's Manual, an expanding cardboard file containing individual folders with the learner exercises, supplementary resource materials (filmstrips, etc.) and a canvas bag.

CONTACT: Evelyn Davis or Peggy Myers
The Adult Education Center
Memphis State University
Memphis, Tennessee 38152
(901) 454-2136

USERS: Adult basic education and secondary teachers and curriculum developers.

AVAILABILITY: Modules will be available for purchase in Spring, 1977. For more detailed information contact The Adult Education Center (above).

RESOURCE: Arrangement of Publishers' Listings is a compilation in notebook form of resources from the University of Texas at Austin's "ABC's in APL", Auburn University's "Adult Competency Instructional Guide" and additional resources identified by Memphis State University. All resources are cross-referenced to the above documents and are listed by publisher for easy ordering.

COTACT: Evelyn Davis or Peggy Myers
The Adult Education Center
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Memphis, Tennessee 38152
(901) 454-2136

USERS: Curriculum developers, adult basic education and secondary teachers.

AVAILABILITY: Document will be available for purchase in Spring, 1977. For further information, contact The Adult Education Center (above).

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RESOURCE: The University of Texas has developed a fifteen minute Slide/Tape Program telling the story of the Adult Performance Level (APL) survey and presenting information on local and State implementations of the APL research and products. The program consists of 140 slides, a cassette tape with both audible and inaudible "bleeps" and a script booklet.

CONTACT: Debbie Hickock
Adult Performance Level Project
University of Texas
202 Extension Building
Austin, Texas 78712

USERS: State and local Adult Education directors, Public Relations Officers.

AVAILABILITY: Program cost is $50.00

RESOURCE: The University of Texas has completed its revision of the ABC's in APL resource book. This is an annotated bibliography which updates the one published in December, 1974. Approximately 230 pages in length, this edition is enclosed in a loose-leaf binder to facilitate further updating.

CONTACT: Debbie Hickock
Adult Performance Level Project
University of Texas
202 Extension Building
Austin, Texas 78712

USERS: Adult education instructors, curriculum developers.

AVAILABILITY: The publication cost is $5.00 per copy.

RESOURCE: The APL Final Report, a comprehensive record of the University of Texas project, is now available.

CONTACT: Adult Performance Level Project
University of Texas
202 Extension Building
Austin, Texas 78712

USERS: Adult Educators, researchers, anyone with special interest in adult competency research and development.

AVAILABILITY: Publication cost is $5.00.

RESOURCE: The APL Competency-based High School Diploma Pilot Project is a description of a pilot project operating in nine sites throughout Texas. The program offers adults a certified high school diploma.

CONTACT: Elaine Shelton
Adult Performance Level Project
University of Texas
202 Extension Building
Austin, Texas 78712

USERS: Adult and secondary educators.

AVAILABILITY: Cost is $2.00 per copy.

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RESOURCE: Two major national speeches have drawn a great deal of interest and response from the education community. On October 31, 1975 Commissioner Bell addressed the Annual Conference of the Adult Education Association in Salt Lake City. Titled "Is Commitment Enough?", the speech emphasized the need for a restructuring of adult education around the needs and interests of the learner. Commissioner Bell stated that adults want to learn for practical reasons related to their lives. Also, adult educators could reach out to motivated people by making learning more accessible. The ability of the education community to reach adults who need help in simply coping with everyday life is a critical concern. To help make this point, Dr. Bell reviewed the findings of the APL Study and raised questions about our entire education system in light of this research.

In a November 1975 speech presented to State Consumer Affairs officials from throughout the country, Virginia H. Knauer, Special Assistant to the President for Consumer Affairs, called attention to the APL Study in relation to functionally incompetent adults who do not have the consumer skills to make the best use of their limited resources. Ms. Knauer also called for renewed efforts to reach people of all ages who have left the school systems.

CONTACT: Copies of both addresses may be obtained by contacting:

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RESOURCE: APL: A Ferment in Education is an article written by Edith Roth, that appeared in the May, 1976 issue of American Education magazine. The article looks at some of the events and programs that have developed as a response to the Adult Performance Level research findings.

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